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WELLINGTON FOR VICE PRESIDENT'S ADVANCE PARTY

DEPT FOR A; WHITE HOUSE FOR VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP(ROCKEFELLER, NELSON), IR

SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO IRAN

REF: TEHRAN 2044, STATE 50343

1. ON MARCH 3 CONTROL OFFICER MILLS GAVE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER OF CEREMONIES AKMAL, WHO HAS RETURNED TO TEHRAN AND ASSUMED DAY-TO-DAY RESPONSIBILITY FOR VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT, BRIEFING ON SCHEDULE AND LOGISTICS REQUIREMENTS DEVELOPED BY ADVANCE TEAM AND GOI OFFICIALS LAST WEEK. AKMAL WILL IMMEDIATELY BEGIN ARRANGING NECESSARY ACCOMMODATIONS AND INTERNAL TRANSPORTATION FOR VISIT AND FOR SUPPORT GROUPS COMING IN ADVANCE. HE URGED THAT WE PROVIDE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE COMPLETE ROSTER OF SUPPORT PERSONNEL, THEIR FUNCTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND THEIR DATES OF ARRIVAL AND MOVEMENT FROM TEHRAN TO KISH AND/OR ISFAHAN. WE GAVE HIM LIST OF REQUIREMENTS ADVANCE TEAM HAD PREPARED BUT HE NEEDS MORE DETAILED AND SPECIFIC BREAKDOWN.

2. AKMAL PROPOSES FOLLOWING CHANGES IN MOVEMENTS OF ADVANCE SUPPORTING GROUPS:

A. GOI WILL PROVIDE C-130 AIRCRAFT MARCH 18 TO TRANSPORT

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SECRET SERVICE, WHCA AND USAF ADVANCE PERSONNEL AND REQUIRED

FREIGHT TO KISH ISLAND, AND WILL DROP OFF PARTY GOING TO ISFAHAN EN ROUTE. PLEASE ADVISE WHAT TIME PLANE SHOULD DEPART TEHRAN.

B. ARMISH/MAAG AIRCRAFT WILL BE USED MARCH 21 TO TRANSPORT ADDITIONAL USAF AND VICE PRESIDENT'S ADVANCE STAFF TO ISFAHAN AND KISH. IT WILL ALSO BE USED MARCH 23 TO TAKE AMBASSADOR AND MRS. HELMS, GOI ESCORT, AND OTHERS FROM TEHRAN TO KISH FOR VICE PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL. SAME AIRCRAFT WILL BE USED MARCH 26 TO RETURN PARTY TO TEHRAN.

C. BECAUSE HOTEL SITUATION IN ISFAHAN DURING TIME OF VISIT WILL BE MUCH WORSE THAN IN TEHRAN, AKMAL PROPOSES THAT C-141 CARRYING SPECIAL VEHICLE RETURN TO TEHRAN MARCH 24 AFTER OFFLOADING BEHICLE AND REQUIRED GUARDS, OR THAT IT DELIVER VEHICLE TO ISDAHAN EARLY MORNING MARCH 25. ADDITIONAL C-141 WITH EQUIPMENT NOT REQUIRED FOR IRANIAN PORTION OF TRIP SHOULD NOT RON IN IRAN. IF ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO DO SO, IT SHOULD REMAIN IN TEHRAN. PLEASE ADVISE IN DETAIL HOW THIS WILL BE HANDLED.

3. CONTROL OFFICER RAISED QUESTION OF GIFT EXCHANGE WITH AKMAL AND AGAIN SUGGESTED GIFT-GIVING BE KEPT AT MODEST LEVEL IN KEEPING WITH INFORMALITY OF VISIT. AKMAL WILL TRY TO LEARN WHAT THEIR MAJESTIES HAVE IN MIND, BUT IN MEANTIME WOULD LIKE SOME IDEA OF WHAT VICE PRESIDENT PLANS TO GIVE SO THAT EXCHANGE CAN BE ROUGHLY COMPARABLE. PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT WE CAN TELL AKMAL ON THIS SUBJECT.

4. TELEGRAM FROM 89TH MAW REGARDING FUEL AVAILABILITY AND WEIGHT LIMITS OF RUNWAY AT KISH BEING ANSWERED SEPARATELY. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW IF VICE PRESIDENT'S AIRCRAFT COULD, IF NECESSARY, MAKE SHORT REFUELING STOP AT BANDAR ABBAS OR SHIRAZ AFTER LEAVING KISH EN ROUTE TO KUALA LUMPUR. SOME FUEL IS AVAILABLE KISH TO GIVE MORE THAN REQUIRED SAFETY MARGIN TO REACH THOS AIRFIELDS.

5. AKMAL SAID SMALL NUMBER OF PRESS REPRESENTATIVES ACCOMPANYING VICE PRESIDENT DOES NOT PRESENT GREAT PROBLEM BUT NOTED THAT PRESS IS NORMALLY NOT ADMITTED TO KISH WHILE IMPERIAL CONFIDENTIAL

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FAMILY IS THERE IN ORDER TO ENSURE THEIR PRIVACY. MR. MORROW THEREFORE MAY WISH TO ADVISE ACCOMPANYING PRESS OF SHAH'S SENSITIVITY ON THIS POINT.

6. STATE 51390 JUST ARRIVED. MR. MILLER CAN FLY TO KISH MARCH 25 ABOUT NOON WITH ARMISH/MAAG PLANE GOING TO BRING AMBASSADOR AND PARTY BACK TO TEHRAN NEXT DAY AFTER VICE PRESIDENT DEPARTS. WE WILL ARRANGE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR HIM AT KISH. WHEN

AVAILABLE, WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON HIS ARRIVAL TEHRAN.

7. BIOGRAPHIC, LOGISTICS AND OTHER INFORMATION POUCHED TO MRS.
HERTER AND CONDAYAN AS REQUESTED BY CANZERI. WOULD APPRECIATE
BIO SKETCHES OF MEMBERS OFFICIAL PARTY TO PASS GOI.
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